

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

CIVIL MINUTES - GENERAL

Case No. SACV 11-1140 JVS (MLGx) Date August 11, 2011

Title GT Beverage Company, LLC v. Dominion Liquid Technologies, LLC

Present: The Honorable James V. Selna

Nancy Boehme  
Deputy Clerk

Not Reported  
Court Reporter

Attorneys Present for Plaintiffs:

No Appearance

Attorneys Present for Defendants:

No Appearance

**Proceedings:** (In Chambers) Order to Show Cause Re Jurisdiction

The Court has made a preliminary review of the jurisdictional allegations  
in the:

Complaint, filed

X Notice of Removal (“Notice”) filed July 29, 2011

by Dominion Liquid Technologies, LLC (“Dominion”).

The initial pleading appears to invoke jurisdiction Court on the basis of diversity of citizenship, 28 U.S.C. § 1332. (Notice, ¶ 7 .) Jurisdiction on this basis requires complete diversity.

The following parties to the action are alleged to be a limited liability companies (“LLC”):

GT Beverage Company, LLC  
Dominion Liquid Technologies, LLC

For purposes of diversity jurisdiction, an LLC takes on the citizenship of each of its members. Johnson v. Columbia Properties Anchorage, LP, 437 F.3d 894, 899 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2006); Cosgrove v. Bartolotta, 150 F.3d 729, 731 (7<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1998); Keith v. Black Diamond Advisors, Inc., 48 F. Supp. 2d 326, 329-30 (S.D. N.Y. 1999). In order to determine diversity, the Court must consider the citizenship of each LLC member, and if a member is an LLC, the citizenship of its members. Presently, the Court cannot

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tell if jurisdiction has been properly invoked.

Dominion is ordered to file an amended initial pleading within 15 days identifying each member of each alleged LLC and the member's citizenship and principal place of business as the date of the filing of the initial pleading. If any member is itself an LLC, the same information shall be provided for each subtier member, and if need be, for each successive subtier.

**A failure to respond may result in remand of the case to the Superior Court of the State of California for lack of jurisdiction.**

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